

If the democrats had elected a majority of the members of the next house, is any one fool enough to believe that any of them would have been clamoring for the admission of Dakota or any other republican territory? Not much.

HON. J. C. BURROWS may not be chosen as speaker of the next house of representatives, but whoever overlooks him in counting up the probabilities omits an important factor. He is "in the swim" and is quite as likely to effect a successful landing as any of his competitors. Michigan republicans will feel awful proud if he should win the prize.

SOME people have been foolish enough to say—possibly to think—that there is no particular difference between the two great political parties of the day. Ah, well, just imagine, if you can, Gen. HARRISON in the presidential chair with Gen. ALGER for his secretary of war, both busily engaged in concocting an order for the return of the captured rebel flags! When such a thing as that becomes possible, the difference between the parties will not be worth mentioning.

THE Michigan legislature-elect is more than two-thirds republican in both branches, and there is nothing to prevent the fulfillment of the pledge made in the state platform that another local option law should be enacted. Gentlemen legislators, the people expect you to carry out those promises and nothing less will satisfy them. Give local prohibition to such localities as desire it and give more stringent regulation to all other localities, whether they desire it or not.

It is now tolerably certain that the republicans will organize the next house and so obtain complete control of all branches of the general government, something they have not had in quite a number of years. With this will come full responsibility for all national legislation, but the republican party is not afraid to assume such responsibility. The brightest pages of the nation's history have been written under republican control and we believe that the future may be safely judged by the past.

REPRESENTATIVE OATES of Alabama, is a bourbon of bournons. He thinks the question of the admission of new states into the Union should be determined solely by the probable effect such admission would have upon the fortunes of the democrat party. Great statesman, great OATES! After all, he isn't so very singular in that matter; that is the principle that has actuated the democrat house of representatives ever since Dakota asked to be admitted, but OATES is the only democrat who has had the honesty to stand openly by that doctrine.

SOME of the democratic members of the house of representatives say they made a mistake in refusing to admit Dakota and that that was the reason they lost Minnesota and other states in the great North-west. We told you, Messrs. Democrats, that you were making a mistake, but you wouldn't believe it. That wasn't the reason of your defeat though, but it did, without doubt, increase your minority to a considerable extent, and you will find that you cannot recover lost ground by taking the back track at this late day. The people of the territories know that they have but to wait until the sitting of the next congress to receive full and ample justice and, though they be admitted now, they will remain republican just the same. The republican party don't disfranchise American citizens because of their political preferences; it is only the democrat party that stoops to that kind of contemptible partisan meanness.

THE present pension system has been the subject of considerable adverse criticism, much of it undeserved, some of it without doubt, well founded. After all that has or may be said or done, there is but one just and equitable solution of the pension problem and that is to grant every soldier a pension proportioned to his service, leaving, of course, special provisions for the wounded and disabled. The nation is abundantly able to give a service pension to every soldier and that is what ought to be done; no better disposition could be made of a portion of the troublesome surplus. And it ought to be done at once; to wait until the "boys" have nearly all died of disability and old age, is but to present them with the shadow instead of the substance. Soldiers of other wars have all been remembered and, surely, the men who upheld the honor of the country in the "late unpleasantness" are as worthy as those who served in any other war. By all means hasten the day when a service pension bill shall be enacted.

That Direct Tax.

Now that election is over, a sufficient number of northern democrats slipped the yoke of their southern masters and voted with the republicans to pass what is known as the direct tax bill. Representative FORD of Grand Rapids, to his

credit be it said, was one of the number, but his democratic colleagues, Messrs. CHIPMAN, TARNSEY and WHITING distinguished themselves by voting "No." The bill provides for refunding to the loyal states the amount of money, without interest, levied on them as a direct tax to aid in carrying on the war of the rebellion. Owing to an unfortunate combination of circumstances, our good, old Uncle Samuel was unable, at that time, to collect the tax from the late confederate states and they never have paid the amount that was apportioned to them.

Having an overflowing treasury, and not desiring to unduly distress our southern brethren by compelling them to pay a large sum for which he had no use, Uncle Sam proposed to forgive them their portion of the debt but, at the same time, as is only just and proper, proposed to pay back the amount received from the loyal states.

To this equitable arrangement, the southern brigadiers demurred, taking the position that they wouldn't pay nor would they permit the government to refund to the states that had paid. Representative WHITING opposed the measure, alleging as a cause for his opposition that the money would eventually go into the pockets of the taxpayers. Where would he have it go? That is the source whence it came and common sense would seem to dictate that that was the proper place to which it should be returned. The real reason of his opposition, however, with him as well as with CHIPMAN, TARNSEY and others of their dough-faced colleagues, was that the southern brigadiers stood over them with the party lash.

The bill puts a half million dollars into the treasury of Michigan and will lighten taxation by that amount. It is said, though, by WHITING and other democrats, that CLEVELAND will veto the bill, and we shouldn't wonder at all if they knew what they were talking about. Should he do so, it will only delay the matter for a time, as the next congress would be sure to re-enact it and President HARRISON will not be dominated by the democrats of the late C. S. A. to any great extent. Whatever Mr. CLEVELAND may do, Michigan and other loyal states are morally certain to receive their money back, either by the hands of the present congress or the next.

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